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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/636,115	Applicant(s) GRAH ET AL.	
	Examiner Chun Cao	Art Unit 2115	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-10 and 16-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. It is hereby acknowledged that the following papers have been received and placed of record in the file: Applicant's pre-appeal brief received 9/11/06.

A decision on pre-Appeal brief request filed on 9/11/06 has been made on 3/5/07 to reopen prosecution.

2. Claims 1-19 are presented for examination. Claims 6-10 and 16-19 are withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

3. The text of those applicable section of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office Action.

4. Claims 1-5 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim (Kim), U.S. patent no. 5,648,953.

As per claim 1, Kim discloses a line card circuit [fig. 4] comprising:
an activity latch [flip flop 12, fig. 4] for holding an activity flag value ; and
a logic element [AND gate 13, fig. 4] operatively coupled to the activity latch to receive an incoming clock signal [MCK] and to provide an outgoing clock signal [output of AND gate 13], the outgoing clock signal being dependent on the activity flag value [col. 5, lines 25-33, col. 12, lines 6-16].

As per claim 2, Kim inherently discloses the activity flag value is mutually exclusive with a second activity flag value held in a second activity latch of a second line card circuit [fig. 4; col. 5, lines 25-33, col. 12, lines 6-16].

As per claim 3, Kim discloses the logic element passes the incoming clock signal as the outgoing clock signal when the activity flag value has a first value [col. 5, lines 25-33, col. 12, lines 6-16].

As per claim 4, Kim discloses the logic element blocks the incoming clock signal when the activity flag value has a second value [col. 5, lines 25-33, col. 12, lines 6-16].

As per claim 5, Kim discloses the logic element provides a static output level as the output clock signal when the activity flag value has the second value [col. 5, lines 25-33, col. 12, lines 6-16].

As to claims 11-15 basically are the operating step that are carried out by the corresponding elements in claims 1-5. Accordingly, claims 11-15 are rejected for the same reason as set forth for claims 1-5.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 9/11/2006 have been fully considered but are moot in view of new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chun Cao whose telephone number is 571-272-3664. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-3667. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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